

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Eliza Symonds Bell, October 8, 1887, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell Sturtevant House, New York, October 8, 1887. My dear Mrs. Bell:

In a few hours we shall be on the ocean, speeding away from you all. Well, I don't know whether I am most sorry or glad to go today, but I do know that Alec ought to go and that I want to see my friends very much. Alec says he is completely broken down poor fellow he has been very much worried lately and today he feels the reaction from the excitement of yesterday. I think he will be much better after fourteen days of almost constant sleep. I told the St. Rose Home to send their bill for making two little dresses for Daisy to you as I was not sure if they would do the work if there was any doubt of their getting paid before we sailed. I particularly would like to know the amount that I can compare the relative costs here and in Paris and then I will send you the money. I hope you liked the picture of Elsie, I thought it looked very nice in the frame. If it has not come inquire at Williams and Everett, Washington St., Boston for it was paid for so you ought to have it. I cannot send you any more photographs of Elsie now as I have none and as for Daisy those I had taken were such libels on her that I prefer you to forget how she looks than remember her by them. Whenever we have good once I will send you a supply. I hope the young ladies liked their dresses. The two silk ones came from Paris — Lizzies I bought here, it is a walking suit, I wanted to match it for a coat but had not time. She might send a piece to C. F. Hoveys, Boston, where I bought it, if she can't match it in Washington. I would like Mary to have her waist made up at?me Van Remtes 1112 13th St., S She will charge \$5.00 for making and some more for trimmings etc., but she is?eryry good dressmaker and I think a badly fitting and cut waist spoils a pretty dream. If she think she can't afford it the St. Rose Home is much cheaper and next best.

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Now I must run and do some lastthings. With much love to you all, 2 I will try and send the baby something bye and bye.

Ever your loving daughter, Mabel.